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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 27, 2003, in which the Examiner raises a restriction requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, applicant herewith elects the following from each of the three types of species:

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From Species I, applicant elects 1B;

From Species II, applicant elects 2B; and

From Species III, applicant elects 3B.

Concerning the required listing of claims, the claims readable on elected Species 1B, in addition to the generic claims 1 and 21 are as follows:

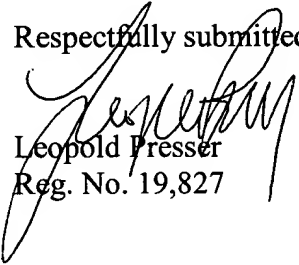
Claim 3, Claim 4 and Claim 8.

The claims, which are readable, in addition to the generic claims, on elected Species 2B, are Claim 6, Claim 7 and Claim 8.

The claims which are readable on elected Species 3B, in addition to the generic claims, are Claim 14, 16, 27, 34 and 36.

The early and favorable examination of the application on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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